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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

1) On page 11, line 14, the phrase "full herein after" has been replaced with the phrase --fully hereinafter--.

In the Claims:

1) Claim 19 has been replaced with the following claim:

-- 19. A method of trapping and storing electrical cords having a first and second cord end and of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord on a storage device [with support carrier] comprising the steps:

a. providing at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord, the electrical cord having a first and a second cord end;

b. providing at least one storage device [with support carrier], the storage device [with support carrier] having an elongated central [cylinder] axle of a fixed length, a cord end retaining means and an opposite cord end retaining means, a plurality of cord receiving means formed in the cord end retaining means and in the opposite cord end retaining means, indicia formed on the cord end retaining means and on the opposite cord end retaining means near the plurality of cord

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receiving means, axle extension means having an outer perimeter, extending outboard of the cord receiving means, and [end support means, at least one axle removably disposed through the device,] axle support means[, the axle support means being designed to removably engage the at least one axle, a support brace and axle retaining means] rotatably engaging said outer perimeter of the axle extension means;

[c. removably attaching the at least one storage device with support carrier to a stable surface;]

c.[d.] removably engaging the first cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided in one of the plurality of cord receiving means of the cord end retaining means to occupy on said cord receiving means;

d.[e.] noting the indicia near the now occupied cord receiving means;

e.[f.] rotating [the end support means around the at least one] the axle, thereby wrapping the at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord around the elongated [cylinder] axle;

f.[g.] controlling the wrap of the at least one electrical cord provided along the fixed length of the elongated [cylinder] axle so that the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord terminates near the opposite cord end retaining means;

g.[h.] removably engaging the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided in the opposite cord receiving means whose indicia corresponds to the indicia noted in step d. [(e)];

h[i.] repeating steps c-g [d-h] as necessary to wrap several electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord on the storage device [with support carrier]; and

[j. disengaging the at least one axle from the axle support means;

k. removing the at least one axle from the storage device; and]

i[l.] placing the storage device with one or more electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord [in an upright position on the end support means] in a storage location desired by the user.--

-- 20. The method as defined in claim 19 wherein the at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord is removed from the storage device [with support carrier] further comprising the steps:

[m. disposing the at least one axle through the storage device;

n. rotatably and removably engaging the at least one axle with the axle support means;]

j[o.] disengaging the second cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided from the opposite cord receiving means of the opposite cord end retaining means;

k[p.] noting the indicia near the now empty cord receiving means;

l[q.] rotating the end support means around the at least one axle so that the at least one electrical cord of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord unwraps from the fixed length of the elongated axle [cylinder];

m[r.] disengaging the first cord end of the at least one electrical cord provided from the cord receiving means whose indicia corresponds to the indicia noted in step k[p];

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n[s.] repeating steps j-m [o-r] as necessary to unwrap several electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and similar objects spaced along the electrical cord from the storage device [with support carrier]; and
o[t.] removing the storage device [with support carrier] from the stable surface if necessary.--

Reissue Applications

This application would be in condition for allowance because of the amendments done above by examiner's amendment. However, the reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because it fails to contain a statement that all errors which are being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of the oath/declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414.

Claims 1-21 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the oath/declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

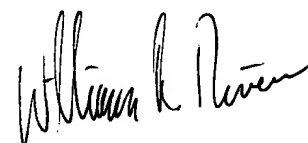
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William A Rivera whose telephone number is 703-308-2684. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday - 7:30 to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on 703-308-2688. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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